

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 13-15, 17-22, and 24-52 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed May 31, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 13, 14, 41, and 42 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Tsunota et al. (US Pub. 2003/0178570). The Examiner next rejected claims 15, 17-22, 24-35, 37-40, and 43-52 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsunota in view of Venkataramani et al. (US Pub. 2002/0181647).

Claim 36 is allowed. Claims 29-33 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Such indication is appreciated. Applicant has amended claim 22 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 29.

Applicant has also amended claims 1, 15, 34, 37, and 41-44. Applicant believes that claims 1, 15, 34, 37, and 41-44 define over the art of record.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 3, 4, 13-15, 17-22, 26, 28, and 30-52.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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General Authorization and Extension of Time

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-0845. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by credit card authorization being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-0845. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 07-0845. Please consider this a general authorization to charge any fee that is due in this case, if not otherwise timely paid, to Deposit Account No. 07-0845.

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